

1 AND/OR CONNECTING AND/OR RETRIEVING INVENTION THAT, AT THE  
2 DETERMINATION OF A PROSPECTIVE USER, MAY BE MORE EFFECTVELY  
3 AND/OR EFFICIENTLY MANAGED BY THE EMPLOYMENT OF THE PREFERRED  
4 EMBODIMENT OF THE DEVICE, OR ANY EMBODIMENT OF THE DEVICE, OR  
5 ANY OTHER DEVICE THAT CAN BE DETERMINED TO BE A SIMILAR  
6 DERIVATIVE OF THE ABOVE TEACHING.

7 THE HOSE REEL(S) DEFINED AND ILLUSTRATED HEREIN ARE HEREBY  
8 CONSTRUED TO BE REPRESENTATIVE OF ANY POWER SOURCE WHICH CREATES  
9 TENSION ON ANY OF THE EXAMPLES NAMED IN THE PRECEDING PARAGRAPH  
10 WHEREBY A SITUATION IS CREATED IN WHICH THE DEVICE(S) DESCRIBED  
11 AND ILLUSTRATED HEREIN MAY, AT THE DETERMINATION OF THE USER, BE  
12 ADVANTAGEOUSLY EMPLOYED.

13 *sub a3* ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE:

14 A tubular collar or sleeve with flared, funneled, beveled  
15 or rounded inside edges at either end. A diagonal opening of  
16 sufficient width opens the length of the device, so as to  
17 accommodate its installation onto the variety and diameter of  
18 flexible hose which each model may be specifically designed to  
19 address. The device may be installed during the hose retraction  
20 process, availing the operator protection from contaminated hose  
21 and affording several other useful mechanical functions as well.